

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

MARCUS SHARIF MCNEAL,

Petitioner,

v.

BRIAN E. WILLIAMS, et al.,

Respondents.

Case No. 2:16-cv-01618-JAD-EJY

**Order Granting Extension of Time**

[ECF No. 63]

Good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petitioner Marcus Sharif McNeal's unopposed first motion for extension of time [ECF No. 63] is **GRANTED**. Petitioner has until August 31, 2020, to file an amended petition.

McNeal initiated this habeas action nearly four years ago in July 2016.<sup>1</sup> Given the age of this case,<sup>2</sup> counsel for both parties are directed to prioritize the deadlines in this case over later-filed matters. **Further extensions of time are not likely to be granted absent compelling circumstances and a strong showing of good cause why an amended petition could not be filed within the extended time allowed despite the exercise of due diligence.**

Dated: June 4, 2020

  
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U.S. District Judge Jennifer A. Dorsey

<sup>1</sup> ECF No. 1.

<sup>2</sup> Habeas actions are civil actions under federal practice and are subject to the reporting requirements of the Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990 ("CJRA"), 28 U.S.C. § 471 *et seq.* The CJRA sets a three-year goal for resolution of each civil case on the merits, *id.* § 476(a)(3), and encourages "setting, at the earliest practicable time, deadlines for filing motions and a time framework for their disposition," *id.* § 473(a).